

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

A capacitor has a couple of electrodes (~~17, 21~~) with a dielectric ~~[(20)]~~ placed therebetween. At least one of the electrodes is made of copper, and barriers (~~18b, 18c~~) for preventing the diffusion of copper into the dielectric ~~[(20)]~~ are provided between the dielectric ~~[(20)]~~ and the copper electrode (~~17 and 21~~), respectively.